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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TERRY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 12, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LEE TERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

From the eighteenth psalm of King David we read: "The breakers of death surged round about me; the menacing floods terrified me. The cords of Sheol tightened; the snares of death lay in wait for me. In my distress I called out: Lord! I cried out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry to him reached his ears."

Almighty God, the first anniversary has passed. The sorrow abides in our hearts, but it does not dwell there alone. Gratitude abides there, too. We are sorry for the lives lost and the suffering of those who survive. We are grateful for the renewed solidarity and spirit of generosity that has been enkindled across this great country. As we continue the binding up, we experience the power of Your providential care. Make each of us, this day, instruments of Your light and strength for our blessed Nation. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute at this time.

WELCOME TO BISHOP JOHN RAYMOND GAYDOS

(Mr. SKELTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome our guest chaplain, the Most Reverend John Raymond Gaydos, bishop of Jefferson City, Missouri. Knowing of his higher calling since he was a young man, Bishop Gaydos has dedicated his life to serving his church and his community.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he attended the St. Agnes School of St. Louis, which is the St. Louis Preparatory Seminary; cardinal Glennon College of St. Louis; and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. Bishop Gaydos was ordained on December 20, 1968 at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Bishop Gaydos has been a pastor at several parishes in the St. Louis area, in addition to being secretary to the archbishop and vicar general of the St. Louis archdiocese. He was appointed bishop of Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1997, where he presently serves. He is well known for his leadership within the Church, serving as chairman and member of various archdiocese and national committees.

I welcome Bishop Gaydos to the House of Representatives and thank him for his opening prayer this morning.

MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE ON H.R. 1646, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with rule XXII of the rules of the House, and by direction of the Committee on International Relations, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1646) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

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